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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service
CC Docket No. 96-45
CC Docket 01-92**

Dear Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, we hereby provide you with notice of an oral *ex parte* presentation in connection with the above-captioned proceeding.

On Thursday, November 16, 2006, Mark Rubin of Alltel Communications, Inc., Charles Keller on behalf of Dobson Cellular Systems, Inc., and undersigned counsel on behalf of the Alliance of Rural CMRS Carriers, met with Michelle Carey in Commissioner Copps' office to discuss the written *ex parte* filing made by the above parties on October 9, 2006.

The parties reiterated the positions previously taken on the record and discussed possible reforms of the universal service system within the existing framework, including more accurately targeting high-cost support, capping support upon competitive entry, and providing support based on the costs of an efficient provider. We also referred to the Joint Board's *en banc* hearing conducted on November 17, 2004 (found at http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/tapd/universal_service/JointBoard/welcome.html).

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact undersigned counsel directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David A. LaFuria".

David A. LaFuria

Cc: Michelle Carey, Esq.